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# Federal PACs Raise More, Spend More than Ever

By James Crawford

Federal political action committees raised more and spent more than ever in the 1984 elections, according to their latest reports to the Federal Election Commission.

Despite mixed results at the voting booth, their contribution strategies showed a new sophistication — usually boosting embattled liberal incumbents and challengers who posed a serious threat to conservatives.

Fifteen PACs sponsored by federal and postal unions, managers organizations and retiree groups in 1984 raised \$5.7 million and spent \$5.4 million — nearly twice as much as in 1982 — on nearly 400 candidates.

Most of the money went to congressional contenders and 5 percent of that to Democrats.

Walter Mondale's losing presidential bid caused attraction little support, except from the American Federation of Government Employees, which spent \$50,901 on his behalf — mostly during the primaries and the Democratic National Convention.

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees as again the top federal PAC fundraiser, with \$1,651,795 for the 1983-84 election cycle.

NARFE spent \$1,306,977. But the biggest spender was the

National Association of Letter Carriers, whose \$1,600,890 was three times its 1981-82 expenditure.

The American Postal Workers Union was third in fund raising and spending, followed by AFGE, the National Rural Letter Carriers Association and the National Treasury Employees Union.

Together these top six PACs spent nearly \$5 million — about double their 1981-82 total.

"We feel we did well," said NARFE legislative director Judy Park, despite the group's increased aid to challengers, who normally face tougher odds than incumbents.

Of the candidates NARFE backed, 72 percent wound up in the 98th Congress, Park said. "We tried to target close races," she added, "particularly where there were incumbent members being severely challenged and who had been active on our behalf."

AFGE followed a similar strategy, including support for promising newcomers, according to PAC director Betsy Reid. It relied on the AFL-CIO for up-to-date information on tight contests and candidates' needs, she said.

Unlike most PAC operations, the union also featured "grass-roots" membership involvement such as get-out-the-vote drives, Reid said.

AFGE's Legislative Action Fund provided \$50,000 for this purpose. But that was only a small share of the union's total spending on these indirect contributions, which targeted selected congressional campaigns as well as the Mondale-Ferraro effort.

Reid said a figure on the union's total indirect expenditures was not available.

The major federal PACs focused their giving on cliffhangers in the Senate, where Democrats scored a net gain of two seats, and in the House, where Republicans picked up 14 seats.

Among the candidates, the major beneficiaries were Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Paul Simon, D-Ill. — two House members who defeated Senate Republican incumbents — who received \$64,030 and \$60,150, respectively. Not far behind were unsuccessful challengers Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, and James Hunt, D-N.C., with \$53,950 and \$53,450.

More than 40 House Democrats received \$15,000 or more. Leaders of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee did well as usual, led by chairman William Ford, D-Mich., with \$51,840.

But late in the campaign, the major PACs channeled substantial funds to 15 liberal incumbents facing tough challenges.

## Federal PAC Performance

|                       | 1983-84      | 1981-82      |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>NARFE</b>          | <b>Raise</b> | <b>Spend</b> |
| NALC                  | \$1,651,795  | \$1,306,977  |
| APWU                  | 1,341,498    | 1,600,890    |
| AFGE                  | 769,960      | 717,408      |
| Rural Carriers        | 549,166      | 581,418      |
| NTEU                  | 446,229      | 422,277      |
| NAPUS                 | 313,057      | 315,330      |
| League of Postmasters | 179,519      | 135,578      |
| NFFE                  | 139,792      | 67,377       |
| Postal Supervisors    | 105,364      | 109,624      |
| Alliance              | 69,539       | 68,782       |
| FMA*                  | 37,523       | 29,111       |
| NAGE                  | 24,442       | 20,212       |
| Mail Handlers         | 23,919       | 19,130       |
| NAATS                 | 8455         | 402          |
| TOTALS                | 7233         | 8299         |
|                       | \$5,667,491  | \$5,402,815  |
|                       | \$3,555,936  | \$2,871,354  |

\*Organized in January 1983.

Source: Federal Election Commission

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Of these, eight were re-elected by margins of five percent or less: Frederick Boucher, D-Va., Robert Carr, D-Mich., Bob Edgar, D-Pa., Jim Jones, D-Okla., Peter Kostmayer, D-Pa., Robert Mrazek, D-N.Y., Bruce Morrison, D-Conn., and Jim Olin, D-Va.

Six were defeated: Donald Albosta, D-Mich., Robin Britt, D-N.C., James McNulty, D-

Ariz., Joseph Minish, D-N.J., Jerry Patterson, D-Calif., and William Ratcliff, D-Conn.

And the race of Frank McCloskey, D-Ind., against Republican Richard McIntyre remains in recount and will be decided by the House Administration Committee.

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who were defeated in Texas and North Carolina got little help from the federal groups. Veteran representatives Charles Long, D-Md., and Elliott D-Ca., and Sen. Walter Mondale, D-Ky., were upset unexpectedly and thus received relatively modest support.

Several liberal challengers also received generous federal PAC contributions.

In House races, these included Robert Clark, D-Miss., Richard Saslaw, D-Va., and Jane Eells-Schooley, D-Pa. But only Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, defeated conservative George Hansen.

Backed by modest federal PAC contributions, Barton Jordan, D-Tenn., easily won an open seat of Albert Gore, who was elected to the Senate. He is the son of a retired Veterans Administration employee and AFGE member. Barton received the union's enthusiastic backing, Reid said.

In the Senate, substantial help was available to former Rep. Norman D'Amours, D-H., Minnesota secretary of state Joan Groves and Mississippi governor William W.

ter, but all lost badly. And West Virginia governor Jay Rockefeller squeaked by against an underfinanced Republican.

Giving patterns varied among federal PACs, but only slightly. NARFE and managers' groups tended to give more to Republicans.

Nevertheless, only Senate civil service subcommittee chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, took in a respectable sum — \$28,500.

Rep. Frank Wolf, a northern Virginia Republican who has often defended federal employees on bread-and-butter issues, received only \$1350.

Meanwhile federal groups, including some who contributed to Wolf, contributed \$15,600 to his Democratic challenger, John Flannery. Wolf still won by a 2-1 margin.

Democrats opposing conservative Republicans often received "token amounts" from NARFE "to send a message to the incumbent," Park said.

Similar nominal sums went to influential House Democrats like Speaker Thomas O'Neill, majority leader Jim Wright and Government Operations Committee chairman Jack Brooks.

As compared to the 1981-82 cycle, most federal PACs en-

joyed substantial progress in both fund raising and spending.

In 1983-84, the National League of Postmasters showed the greatest gain — to \$139,792, up from \$14,790.

The National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees nearly tripled its fund raising, to \$37,523.

Other healthy gainers were the National Association of Postmasters of the U.S. and the National Federation of Federal Employees. The National Association of Postal Supervisors and the National Association of Government Employees posted modest growth.

Only the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists saw a decline, to \$7233 from \$12,469.

A new PAC was born, sponsored by the Federal Managers Association. It raised \$11,051, but spent just \$2135.

Another PAC, run by the defunct Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, went out of business in January 1984 after raising nothing and spending \$14,650. In 1981-82, PATCO raised and spent about \$75,000.

The Mail Handlers Union raised \$8445, compared to nothing in the last election. But it spent just \$402.

## Selected Recipients of Federal PAC Funds

| Senate  |             |
|---|-------------|
| Tom Harkin, D-Iowa  | \$64,030    |
| Paul Simon, D-Ill.  | 60,150      |
| Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas  | 53,950      |
| James Hunt, D-N.C.  | 53,450      |
| Albert Gore, D-Tenn.  | 50,000      |
| Carl Levin, D-Mich.   | 49,790      |
| David Pryor, D-Ark.   | 39,000      |
| Norman D'Amours, D-N.H.   | 37,600      |
| Walter Huddleston, D-Ky.  | 33,100      |
| Joan Groves, D-Minn.  | 31,740      |
| Ted Stevens, R-Alaska   | 28,500      |
| William Winter, D-Miss.   | 26,250      |
| Joy Rockefeller, D-W.Va.  | 23,500      |
| Bill Bradley  | 22,900      |
| Pete Domenici, R-N.M.   | 15,350      |
| Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.   | 14,200      |
| House   |             |
| William Ford, D-Mich.   | \$51,840    |
| Bruce Morrison, D-Corn.   | 35,840      |
| Donald Albosta, D-Mich.   | 35,350      |
| William Randolph, D-Corn.   | 33,080      |
| Mary Rose Oakar, D-Ohio   | 32,750      |
| Gerry Sikorski, D-Minn.   | 33,250      |
| Robert Clark, D-Miss.   | 31,700      |
| Lane Evans, D-Ill.  | 30,900      |
| Fredrick Boucher, D-Va.   | 30,050      |
| Frank McCloskey, D-Ind.   | 30,050      |
| Thomas Daschle, D-S.D.  | 27,950      |
| Peter Koestmeyer, D-Pa.   | 26,450      |
| Bob Carr, D-Mich.   | 26,000      |
| James McNulty, D-Ariz.  | 25,773      |
| Tim Penny, D-Minn.  | 25,050      |
| Thomas Carper, D-Del.   | 24,250      |
| Robert Mrazek, D-N.Y.   | 24,150      |
| Joseph Meehan, D-N.J.   | 24,050      |
| Jim Olin, D-Va.   | 24,050      |
| James Oberstar, D-Minn.   |             |
| Vic Fazio, D-Calif.   | 23,750      |
| Richard Sadeur, D-Va.   | 22,650      |
| Robin Batt, D-N.C.  | 22,250      |
| Robert Garcia, D-N.Y.   | 22,250      |
| Jim Jones, D-Ohio   | 21,750      |
| Jerry Patterson, D-Calif.   | 21,250      |
| Bob Edgar, D-Pa.  | 21,050      |
| Lee AuCoin, D-Ore.  | 20,500      |
| Edward Fegelman, D-Ohio   | 19,750      |
| Sherry Hoyes, D-Md.   | 19,500      |
| Jane Wells-Schooley, D-Pa.  | 19,350      |
| Tom Foglietta, D-Pa.  | 18,250      |
| Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.   | 17,600      |
| Richard Stallings, D-Idaho  | 17,500      |
| William Gray, D-Mo.   | 16,950      |
| Harley Staggers, D-W.Va.  | 16,950      |
| Geraldine Ferraro, D-N.Y.   | 16,450      |
| Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y.   | 16,200      |
| Thomas Downey, D-N.Y.   | 15,850      |
| Lee Aspin, D-Wis.   | 15,750      |
| Katie Hall, D-Ind.  | 15,650      |
| John Flannery, D-Va.  | 15,600      |
| Michael Barnes, D-Md.   | 13,000      |
| Mickey Leland, D-Texas  | 11,800      |
| Patrick Schroeder, D-Colo.  | 11,750      |
| Merryn Dymally, D-Calif.  | 11,250      |
| Frank Wolf, R-Va.   | 1350        |
| By Party  |             |
| Democrats   | \$3,903,990 |
| Republicans   | 202,650     |
| Ballot box denotes incumbent.   |             |
| *Contributions to Ferraro's House campaign before she was nominated for vice president. |             |
| †Account in progress.   |             |
| Source: Federal Election Commission   |             |